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SUBJECT: YUGOSLAV RELEASE OF EXCHANGE OF NOTES REGARDING
TRIESTE DISPUTE

HEREWITH ARE SUMMARIES AND EXCERPTS OF THE EXCHANGE OF
NOTES BETWEEN ITALY AND YUGOSLAVIA AS PUBLISHED IN APRIL
5 TANJUG BULLETIN, IN EVENT FULL TEXT NOT YET AVAILABLE
TO ADDRESSEES:

1. ITALIAN NOTE OF FEBRUARY 15, 1974 (DELIVERED FEB. 21)
PROTESTING THE EMPLACEMENT OF METAL MARKERS (NO DATES
GIVEN "IN THE VICINITY OF THE DEMARCATION LINE WITH
ZONE B" WHICH READ SR OF SLOVENIA AND SRF OF YUGOSLAVIA,
THE NOTES STATES, "THIS YUGOSLAV DECISION, WHICH HAS NO
FOUNDATION IN ANY AGREEMENT ON THIS MATTER WITH THE
ITALIAN GOVERNMENT IS COUNTER TO THE TREATY OF PEACE WITH
ITALY AND THE LONDON MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING OF OCT.
5, 1954. ACCORDING TO THE AFOREMENTIONED AGREEMENTS,
YUGOSLAV SOVEREIGNTY WAS NEVER EXTENDED TO THE ITALIAN TERRITORY
DESIGNATED AS ZONE B OF THE UNREALIZED FREE TERRITORY OF TRIESTE."

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2. ITALIAN ORAL DEMARCHE OF FEBRUARY 23

FOLLOWING AMBASSADOR PAVICEVIC'S QUESTIONS REGARDING THE FEB. 15 NOTE DURING A DISCUSSION WITH DUCCI ON FEB 22, DUCCI WITHDREW THE FEB 15 NOTE VERBALE AND MADE AN ORAL DEMARCHE THE NEXT DAY IN WHICH HE SAID: "ITALY CONSIDERS THIS ACT BY THE YUGOSLAV AUTHORITIES AS COUNTER TO THE TREATY OF PEACE AND MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING. ACCORDING TO THE TREATY OF PEACE, YUGOSLAV SOVEREIGNTY WAS NEVER EXTENDED TO THE TERRITORY DESIGNATED IN THE TREATY OF PEACE AS ZONE B OF THE UNREALIZED FREE TERRITORY OF TRIESTE."

3. YUGOSLAV NOTE OF MARCH 6, 1974

THE YUGOSLAV REQUESTED THAT THE ITALIAN NOTE OF FEB. 15 BE WITHDRAW IN WRITING NOT JUST ORALLY.

4. ITALIAN NOTE OF MARCH 8 (DELIVERED MARCH 11)

INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT: "AS IT HAS NOT RECEIVED THE REQUESTED EXPLANATION, THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS THE HONOR TO INFORM THE EMBASSY OF THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA THAT THE DECISION TO EMLACE THE AFFOREMENTIONED METAL MARKERS, WHICH HAS NO FOUNDATION IN ANY AGREEMENT ON THIS MATTER WITH THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT, IS COUNTER TO THE TREATY OF PEACE WITH ITALY AND THE LONDON MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING OF OCT 5, 1954. ACCORDING TO THE FOREGOING AGREEMENTS, YUGOSLAV SOVEREIGNTY WAS NEVER EXTENDED TO THE ITALIAN TERRITORY DESIGNATED AS ZONE B OF THE UNREALIZED FREE TERRITORY OF TRIESTE."

5. YUGOSLAV NOTE OF MARCH 15

"THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA CONSIDERS THAT THE ITALIAN POSITIONS PRESENTED IN THE NOTE AND DEMARCHE, LIKE ANY OTHER OACT THAT FAILS TO RESPECT THE PRESENT SOVEREIGNTY OF THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA OVER TERRITORY BELONGING TO IT ON THE BASIS OF THE TREATY OF PEACE AND THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING REPRESENT GROSS INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA AND UNCLASSIFIED

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AN ATTACK ON ITS SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA CAN BUT ASSESS THE CONSTRUCTION REGARDING THE ALLEGED 'ITALIAN TERRITORY DESIGNATED AS ZONE B OF THE UNREALIZED FREE TERRITORY OF TRIESTE' AS AN OPEN TERRITORIAL CLAIM TO PARTS OF THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA AND AS AN ATTEMPT TO REVISE THE AGREEMENTS CONCLUDED AFTER WORLD WAR 2".

"IN CONNECTION WITH THE AFOREMENTIONED NOTES AND DEMARCHE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF ITALY, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA LODGES THE MOST ENERGETIC PROTEST WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ITALY, CONSIDERING THAT SUCH ACTS SERIOUSLY DISTURB THE ACHIEVED LEVEL OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND JEOPARDIZE THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF NEIGHBORLY COOPERATION ON THE GROUNDS OF THE GENERALLY ACCEPTED PRINCIPLES OF NON-INTERFERENCE, RESPECT FOR SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY IN RELATIONS BETWEEN STATES."

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6. ITALIAN NOTE OF MARCH 18

(THE YUGOSLAV NOTE OF MARCH 15) "GIVES - IN THE VIEW OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT - A HIGHLY DISTORTED INTERPRETATION OF THE CONTENT OF THE VERBAL NOTE HANDED TO THE AMBASSADOR OF THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA IN ROME ON MARCH 9 THIS, WHICH PROTESTED AGAINST THE YUGOSLAV INITIATIVE IN EMPLACING THE NEW METAL MARKERS BEARING THE INSCRIPTION 'SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA - SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA' AT THE BOUNDARY CROSSING POINTS PESEK,

PESE, SKOFIJE, RABUIESE, SV. JERNEJ, AND SAN PARTOLOMEO.
THIS VERBAL NOTE DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY 'CLAIMS ON PARTS OF
THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA' OR ANY
'ATTEMPT TO REVISE THE AGREEMENTS CONCLUDED AFTER WORLD WAR 2'
AS WAS STATED IN A SURPRISING WAY IN THE YUGOSLAV NOTE OF
MARCH 15."

AFTER QUOTING FROM 1954 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, THE
NOTE CONTINUES: "THE FACT THAT THE AFOREMENTIONED MEMORANDUM
DOES NOT HAVE ANY PROVISION CONCERNING 'SOVEREIGN RIGHTS'
MAKES THE INTERPRETATION SET FORTH IN THE YUGOSLAV VERBAL
NOTE OF MARCH 15 COMPLETELY GROUNDLESS.
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"THE STATE BOUNDARY WAS DETERMINED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE
PEACE TREATY OF FEB 10, 1947 BETWEEN ITALY AND THE SOCIALIST
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA ONLY ON THE SECTION MONTE
FORNO-DOSSO GIULIO-MONTE GOLI AND THIS SECTION HAS NOT YET
BEEN FINALLY DEFINED IN THE FIELD. THEREFORE, THE REFERENCE
BY THE YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT IN THE AFOREMENTIONED NOTE TO THE
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND THE PEACE TREATY, IN ORDER
TO DRAW UNFOUNDED CONCLUSIONS FROM IT, CONSTITUTES A CAUSE
OF GRAVE CONCER. THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN ITALY AND YUGOSLAVIA
IN EVALUATING THE LEGAL TITLE ON THE GROUND OF WHICH CIVIL
ADMINISTRATION OVER ZONE B OF THE FORMER FREE TERRITORY OF
TRIESTE IS EXERCISED, DOES NOT IN ANY WAY BRING INTO QUESTION
THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC
OF YUGOSLAVIA."

7. YUGOSLAV NOTE OF MARCH 30 (EXCERPTS)

"THE FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL
REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA CONSIDERS THE AFORESAID NOTE TO BE
AN UNSATISFACTORY AND UNACCEPTABLE ANSWER TO THE YUGOSLAV
NOTE OF PROTEST, OF MARCH 15.

"IN ITS NOTE OF MARCH 18, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC
OF ITALY COMPLETELY BYPASSES THE BASIC REASON WHY THE
YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT LODGED ITS MOST VIGOROUS PROTEST, I.E.,
THAT AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC
OF YUGOSLAVIA WAS DESCRIBED IN THE ITALIAN NOTE OF MARCH
1 AS 'THE ITALIAN TERRITORY DESIGNATED AS ZONE B OF THE
UNREALIZED FREE TERRITORY OF TRIESTE'. THIS CONSTITUTES, AS
THE YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT ALREADY NOTED IN ITS NOTE OF MARCH
15 THIS, AN OPEN TERRITORIAL CLAIM ON PARTS OF THE SOCIALIST
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA AND AN ATTEMPT TO REVISE THE
AGREEMENTS CONCLUDED AFTER WORLD WAR 2."

"THE YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT WISHES TO BRING TO THE NOTICE OF
THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT THAT IT IS UNTENABLE TO SPEAK OF

RESPECTS OF INTERSTATE TREATIES AND OF THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY
OF THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA, AND AT THE
SAME TIME DESCRIBE IN AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT THE AREA OF KOPER
AND BUJE AS ITALIAN TERRITORY. THIS AMBIGUOUS BEHAVIOUR IS
INTENDED TO MISLEAD THE PUBLIC OPINION AS REGARDS THE ESSENCE
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OF THE POSITION OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT.

"THE YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT AGAIN NOTES THAT A SINGLE BOUNDARY
BETWEEN THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA AND
THE REPUBLIC OF ITALY WAS DETERMINED ENTIRELY ON THE BASIS
OF THE TREATY OF PEACE OF 1947 AND THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDER-
STANDING OF 1954. SOVEREIGNTY OF THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL
REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA OVER THE AREA OF KOPER AND BUJE WAS
REALIZED ON THIS INTERNATIONAL LAW BASIS, AND THIS CAN NO
LONGER BE THE SUBJECT OF ANY TALKS."

"THE YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT WISHES TO WARN THAT BY ITS UNI-
LATERAL ACT, THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT OPENS UP THE SO-CALLED
'QUESTION OF TRIESTE' THAT HAS BEEN SETTLED LONG SINCE IN
BOTH THE MUTUAL AND WIDER INTERESTS AND THAT THE WHOLE
WORLD CONSIDERS CLOSED. THIS SETTLEMENT IS AN INSEPARABLE
AND ESSENTIAL PART OF THE ORGANIZATION OF EUROPE AFTER
WORLD WAR 2. BY ITS UNILATERAL ACT, THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT
HAS ASSUMED A GRAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CREATED SITUATION.
THE YUGOSLAVIA GOVERNMENT ALSO WARNS THAT SOVEREIGNTY OF THE
SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA OVER THE TERRITORY
BELONGING TO IT UNDER THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING CAN
NOT BE BROUGHT INTO QUESTION WITHOUT BRINGING INTO QUESTION
ALSO SOVEREIGNTY OF THE REPUBLIC OF ITALY OVER THE AREA OF
TRIESTE FORMER ZONE A OF THE FREE TERRITORY OF TRIESTE."
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